

Coffman Hosts Gingrich for Balanced Budget Lecture

(WASHINGTON) – Rep. Mike Coffman (R-CO) and Rep. Jim Marshall (D-GA,) co-chairs of the congressional Balanced Budget Amendment Caucus, hosted former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich at the U.S. Capitol to highlight the need for Congress to pass a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget. The House twice passed a balanced budget amendment while Gingrich was Speaker.

“One of the most important facts about the balanced budget is that we have done it before. The House has twice passed the amendment, back in the 1990s,” Coffman stated while introducing Gingrich. “The idea was important then, and since our federal debt will hit \$13 trillion sometime in the next day or two, it is even more important now. I invited this afternoon’s speaker, Newt Gingrich, the man who as Speaker helped get the Amendment through the House twice, here to share his experience and knowledge on the balanced budget.”

During his lecture Gingrich spoke about passage of the legislation in the 1990’s and the prospects for passage in the current environment. “This country is beginning to get genuinely fed up with spending,” Gingrich said.

“It’s grossly irresponsible to our children not to balance the federal budget,” said Rep. Marshall the caucus’ co-chair. “I think if we can get it out of the House, maybe we can get it out of the Senate and it will pass the states in a heartbeat...This is something that everybody wants to see happen.”

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